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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEC, EG, US  
SUBJECT: WALDRON CASE

REF: (A) CAIRO 11883, (B) CAIRO 11878, (C) STATE 166561

1. UNDER HEADLINE "AMERICAN EMBASSY TREATS EGYPTIAN  
GUARD," YESTERDAY'S EDITION OF GUMHURIYA CARRIES ARTICLE  
STATING EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE DECIDED "TREAT" EGYPTIAN  
GUARD AT EXPENSE OF EMBASSY. AMERICAN GUARD REPORTEDLY  
SAID DURING INVESTIGATION THAT AS HE WAS CLEANING HIS  
PISTOL, A BULLET WENT OFF AND WOUNDED KHALIL IN NOSE AND  
MOUTH. PROSECUTION THEN RELEASED AMERICAN GUARD AND  
ORDERED WEAPON BE HANDED BACK TO AMERICAN EMBASSY FOR  
DISPOSAL. TODAY'S PRESS HAS NO REFERENCE TO INCIDENT.

2. GUMHURIYA VERSION OF INCIDENT CLEARLY NOT IN ACCORD  
WITH FACTS AS WALDRON GAVE THEM. HOWEVER, EGYPTIAN  
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SECURITY CHIEF COLONEL WAGIH ADVISES THAT THIS IS THE  
LINE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE DECIDED TO TAKE PUBLICLY  
IN EFFORT MAKE INCIDENT APPEAR AS AN ACCIDENT. WAGIH  
ALSO INDICATS THAT FOLLOWING PARQUET PRELIMINARY HEARING  
(REF B), EGYPTIAN POLICE CONSIDER CASE CLOSED. STILL  
HAVE DA'S REQUEST THAT WALDRON NOT LEAVE COUNTRY FOR  
SEVEN DAYS AFTER HEARING, BUT WE ARE INFORMALLY EXPLORING

WHETHER EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES WOULD AGREE TO OUR GETTING HIM OUT BEFORE NEXT WEEKEND. EGYPTIANS CONTINUE BE HELPFUL IN MATTER AND ARE CLEARLY AS ANXIOUS AS WE GET THE ISSUE QUIETLY RESOLVED.

3. MEANWHILE, CONDITION OF VICTIM, ZAKARIA I. KHALIL, CONTINUES GRAVE, BUT THERE IS SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT. HE IS SEMI-CONSCIOUS AND CAN ANSWER SIMPLE QUESTIONS. EMBASSY HEALTH OFFICER OBTAINED ANOTHER REPORT TODAY FROM DOCTOR WE ASKED LOOK AFTER VICTIM. COPY OF THAT REPORT SENT BY SEPTTEL TO MEDCOMEUR HEIDLEBURG, AS REQUESTED BY LATTER. WE DID SO ON CONTINGENCY BASIS, ALTHOUGH EGYPTIAN DOCTOR TOLD EMBASSY HEALTH OFFICER TODAY NO US MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED AT THIS TIME. EGYPTIAN DOCTORS WISH RE-EVALUATE PATIENT'S PROGRESS NEXT TWO DAYS. IF VITAL SIGNS CONTINUE STABLE, EGYPTIAN SURGEON NOW PLANS PERFORM SURGERY. CANNOT, OF COURSE, EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY EGYPTIANS WILL SUBSEQUENTLY CALL FOR US MEDICAL CONSULTANT OR ASSISTANCE. IF EGYPTIANS WILLING HANDLE MATTER, SO MUCH THE BETTER.

4. THUS FAR, WITH GOE HELP, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE MINIMIZE ADVERSE PUBLIC REACTION TO INCIDENT. OUR IMMEDIATE CONCERN WITH PROVIDING BEST MEDICAL CARE FOR VICTIM IS WIDELY KNOWN AND MUCH APPRECIATED. EGYPTIAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES HAVE LECTURED REMAINING EGYPTIAN GUARDS AT RESIDENT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTINUE COOPERATE WITH OUR MARINE GUARDS. ON OUR PART, WE HAVE STRESSED TO MARINES THAT INCIDENT MUST NOT BE ALLOWED ADVERSELY AFFECT THEIR RELATIONS AND COOPERATION WITH EGYPTIAN SECURITY COLLEAGUES WITH WHOM THEY STAND WATCH. AS RESULT, TENSIONS BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND MARINE GUARDS WHICH EXISTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER INCIDENT SHOW SIGNS OF SUBSIDING, BUT SITUATION STILL SENSITIVE AND BEARS WATCHING.  
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